

Rocky Mountain National Park
Request to Scatter Cremains
Administered by the Chief Ranger's Office: 970-586-1209

Thank you for your inquiry into the scattering of ashes within Rocky Mountain National Park. A permit is required from the Chief Ranger's Office to scatter ashes in the park. There is no charge for the permit. The guidelines below need to be kept in mind when filling out the request:

1. There are no designated sites for scattering of ashes, but the location you choose must be away from developed areas (parking lots, trailheads, campgrounds, picnic areas) and at least 200 feet (70 adult steps) from any water source such as a lake or stream.
2. Discretion should be exercised in spreading ashes; doing so is generally a very private moment and care should be given not to disturb other park users.
3. Ashes should be spread about and not buried or placed in a pile.
4. No markers, cairns, displays, signs, or plaques may be placed in the park.
5. We suggest early in the morning as a good time of day for your memorial as the afternoons are usually more crowded and afford less privacy and solitude.

Once you receive your letter we ask that you keep it with you throughout your visit in the park.

If you are unfamiliar with Rocky Mountain National Park, we have listed a few scenic areas to have a scattering of ashes ceremony. Recommended meadows: Upper Beaver Meadows, Mill Creek Basin, Moraine Park, or Horseshoe Park (note: seasonal closures). Recommended areas on Trail Ridge Road (closed mid October to June): Ute Trail, Medicine Bow Curve. You must still be 200 feet from water at these locations. Other sites may be requested; these are just a few recommendations.

Please print, attach additional sheets if necessary:

Name: _____

Name of deceased: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone # _____ or cell # _____

or Work # _____ Fax # (if available) _____

Email address (will only be used for communication with the Chief Ranger's Office): _____

Requested Location for Scattering Ashes within Rocky Mountain National Park: _____

Approximate Date (can be the span of a week if exact date is not known): _____

Submit request to: Concessions Management Office
 1000 U.S. Highway 36
 Estes Park, CO 80517 or Fax# 970-586-1352

A letter will be prepared and sent to you in a timely manner. We appreciate at least one week lead-time for processing your request; last-minute requests may be denied.